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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A COVER THAT  
CAN BE PLACED ON THE END OF A MOTOR  
VEHICLE EXHAUST PIPE, AND A COVER  
PRODUCED ACCORDING TO THIS METHOD

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The remaining reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is also brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly material to examination of this U.S. Patent Application.

German Patent Reference G 88 13 792.9 discloses a connection for joining two ends of piping, wherein an internal collar of one pipe is engaged with a corresponding external peripheral ridge of another pipe to hold the two end pieces together.

Form PTO-1449 is enclosed with a copy of each and every non-U.S. Patent reference cited on Form PTO-1449.

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